Memorandum

TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 6, 1969

FROM W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: REQUEST UNDER THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT FOR RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE FILES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This recommends (1) advising Justice Department, in reply to its letter 10/3/69, that we interpose no objection to its furnishing to Paul L. Hoch a Xerox copy of the entire Corliss Lamont pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba," which is in our New Orleans files, and (2) furnishing the Department with a Xerox copy of this pamphlet upon receipt from our New Orleans Office.

Hoch is from Berkeley, California, and as long ago as 2/65 demonstrated an interest in the assassination of President Kennedy. In 6/66 he identified himself to a Bureau representative as a student at the University of California, Berkeley.

The document, which is the subject of Hoch's current inquiry (9/16/69 letter) to the Attorney General, is a 40-page pamphlet entitled "The Crime Against Cuba" by Corliss Lamont, and was obtained by Special Agent John Quigley at the time Quigley interviewed Oswald in the New Orleans jail in 8/63. Special Agent Quigley placed this pamphlet in the New Orleans file on Oswald, and it is still there. Oswald possessed a number of copies of this same pamphlet, and 21 of them, recovered from his possession after the assassination, are in the Archives with the Warren Commission material. The copy which Special Agent Quigley obtained is identical in all respects with Commission Exhibit 3120, available to the public. The Department sent Hoch a Xerox copy of Exhibit 3120 on 8/19/69 and advised him it was identical in all respects to the pamphlet obtained by Quigley.

In his letter to the Attorney General, Hoch has requested access to the pamphlet which Quigley obtained from Oswald and has expressed a particular interest in pages 1, 38, 39, and 40. In its letter, the Department requests our opinion as to whether or not it should furnish Hoch Xerox copies of the four pages.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Hoch writes in the last paragraph of his letter to the Attorney General of "some sort of special and hidden relationship between" Oswald and the FBI. There was no such relationship, and the Warren Commission thoroughly explored this. The Department has already told Hoch that the pamphlet Quigley obtained is identical with Commission Exhibit 3120 and has sent Hoch a Xerox of this exhibit. There exists no reason for not sending Hoch a Xerox of the entire pamphlet which Quigley obtained. Whether or not this will satisfy Hoch is doubtful, but we have nothing to hide.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is letter to Department advising that we have no objection to its giving Hoch a Xerox of the pamphlet which Quigley obtained. New Orleans has been telephonically instructed to submit a Xerox copy of the pamphlet, and this will be furnished to the Department when it is received at the Bureau. Department's file in this matter being returned to it with letter.

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the humoring of a
character like Hoch
who is obviously a
"smear artist."